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RE: CPF No. 3548-H

Dear Mr. Schroeder:

Enclosed is the Third Amendment to the October 7, 1987 Consent Order in the above-referenced matter. This Third Amendment extends the completion date for testing category "C" pipelines. Your receipt of this document constitutes service under 49 C.F.R. § 190.5.

On July 5, 1994, the President signed Pub. L. No. 103-272, which codifies and enacts without substantive change certain transportation laws, including those relating to pipeline safety. This law does not affect the legality of the Consent Order. However, it does change the citation to the Hazardous Liquid Pipeline Safety Act. Although the pipeline safety laws are still found in the same title of the United States Code, the new citation is to 49 U.S.C. § 60101 et seq.

Sincerely,

Gwendolyn M. Hill  
Pipeline Compliance Registry  
Office of Pipeline Safety

Enclosure

cc: Stanley Geurin

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION  
RESEARCH AND SPECIAL PROGRAMS ADMINISTRATION  
WASHINGTON, D.C.

In the Matter of

WILLIAMS PIPE LINE COMPANY,

Respondent.

CPF No. 3548-H

THIRD AMENDMENT OF CONSENT ORDER

On October 9, 1987, pursuant to Section 209(b) of the Hazardous Liquid Pipeline Safety Act (49 U.S.C. app. § 2006(b)(1), repealed by Pub. L. No. 103-272, 108 Stat. 745 (Jul. 5, 1994)) and 49 C.F.R. § 190.219, the Director, Office of Pipeline Safety (OPS), issued Williams Pipe Line Company (Respondent) a Consent Order incorporating an Agreement between OPS and Respondent. The Consent Order applies to several hazardous liquid pipelines operated by Respondent and which contain electric resistance weld (ERW) or flash weld pipe noted in Attachment A to the Consent Order. The Consent Order was amended on January 22, 1990 (First Amendment) and June 26, 1992 (Second Amendment).

The Consent Order limits the operating pressure on specific pipelines until Respondent completes a hydrostatic test of each of the identified pipelines. The Consent Order incorporates a timetable within which Respondent must perform the hydrostatic tests. Pipelines were assigned to categories "A," "B," or "C." Pipelines assigned to category A are considered to have the greatest leakage risk, while those in category C are considered to have the least leakage risk. The Consent Order provides that by December 31, 1990, Respondent was to have tested those pipelines assigned to categories A or B. Pipelines assigned to category C and containing low frequency ERW pipe (denoted by asterisks in Attachment A) must be tested by December 31, 1994.

The First Amendment redesignated Respondent's #3-8" Kansas City - Nebraska City pipeline from a category C to a category B pipeline. The Second Amendment removed five pipelines from the hydrostatic testing requirements based on low operating pressures and Respondent's agreeing to perform internal inspections of those pipelines.

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Respondent completed all testing of categories A and B pipelines. Additionally, Respondent completed testing of a number of category C pipelines, including its #1-8" Bettendorf - Bettendorf Junction pipeline containing low frequency ERW pipe.

Respondent met with OPS representatives on July 30, 1993 and requested the Consent Order be amended to extend the length of time allowed for the completion of pressure testing of category C pipelines containing low frequency ERW pipe. Subsequently, in an August 13 letter, Respondent acknowledged that testing of these pipelines could be completed before 1997. Respondent also provided pressures to which operations would be limited on these category C pipelines.

Central Region, OPS, reviewed Respondent's request. Central Region, OPS notes the financial demands placed on Respondent as a result of other public safety and environmental initiatives and the relatively low leakage risk posed by category C pipelines. In light of those financial demands and category C's relatively low leakage risk, Central Region, OPS believes that Respondent's request is reasonable. Central Region, OPS also believes that Respondent should be permitted to complete tests of non-low frequency ERW category C pipelines by the same date as that of the low frequency ERW category C pipelines.

Accordingly, based on the recommendations of the Director, Central Region, OPS, pursuant to the authority of Chapter 601 of 49 U.S. Code and 49 C.F.R. Part 190, I hereby amend paragraphs (9) and (11) of the Consent Order by extending the hydrostatic testing completion dates for category C pipelines to December 31, 1996. These amendments are made with the understanding that Respondent will adhere to the specified pressure limitations and completion dates.

12. Williams voluntarily agrees to hydrostatically test by December 31, 1995 those low frequency ERW pipelines noted below following the specified pressure limitations:

- a. Barnsdall - Kansas City #5-12"  
Restrict operating pressures to 1,150 psig at Barnsdall, 1,150 psig at Humboldt, 1,200 psig at Independence, and 1,200 psig at Paola.
- b. Irvington - Sioux Falls #5-12"  
Restrict operating pressures to 1,050 psig at Irvington and 1,250 psig at Sioux City.

- c. Kansas City - Des Moines #6-12"  
Restrict operating pressures to 1,250 psig at Kansas City, 1,100 psig at Osceola, and 1,150 psig at other downstream stations.
- d. Nebraska City - Doniphan #1-8"  
Restrict operating pressure to 1,400 psig.

13. Williams voluntarily agrees to hydrostatically test by December 31, 1996 those low frequency ERW pipelines noted below following the specified pressure limitations:

- a. Coffeyville - Independence #1-8"  
Restrict operating pressure to 600 psig.
- b. Drumright - Tulsa #1-8"  
Restrict operating pressure to 950 psig.
- c. Enid - Oklahoma City #1-6"  
Restrict operating pressure to 800 psig.
- d. Ponca City - Barnsdall #1-8"  
Restrict operating pressure to 900 psig.

14. Williams will use its best efforts to hydrostatically test by December 31, 1996 all of the lines which are not made of low-frequency welded ERW pipe identified in category C.

The October 9, 1987 Consent Order remains unchanged in all other respects.

*for*   
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Associate Administrator  
for Pipeline Safety

Date Issued:           AUG - 3 1994